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## Congaree News Release

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### International Dawn Chorus Day

Attention all Night Owls and Insomniacs! If you have ever wondered what might be squeaking or squawking, hooting or howling, cackling or calling in the early morning hours at the Congaree National Park, this is your chance to discover just what is making all that noise!

The Friends of Congaree Swamp is sponsoring a special birding program beginning at 5:00 am at Congaree National Park on Sunday May 4th to celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day. All over the world, people will be rising on this date to listen to nature's daily miracle and wake-up call. All ages are invited to attend.

Participants will gather at 5:00 am at the After Hours Parking Area along the park entrance road. The group will proceed on a short hike into the park's floodplain forest. Please bring binoculars, drinking water, insect repellent, flashlight and wear appropriate footwear. The bird call chorus will be identified by Robin Carter, one of South Carolina's top birders. Following the hike, the Friends of the Congaree Swamp will provide a free breakfast for all participants.

The International Dawn Chorus Day began in 1984 and is an annual celebration of bird songs. Additional information about this event can be accessed at [www.idcd.info](http://www.idcd.info). Congaree National Park has been recognized as a Globally Important Bird Area and an International Biosphere Reserve, and is one of only a few sites in North America participating in this event.

Please call the Harry Hampton Visitor Center at 803-776-4396 before 5:00 pm on Friday, May 2nd to register for this event.